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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

Sir.

This is in reply to a Notification of Non-Compliance dated November 24, 2003.

Interviews were held with Examiner Wang in the form of a telephone interview and voice mail messages on December 10, 15, and 16, 2003.

The Examiner agreed that the Brief on Appeal dated September 30, 2003 is <u>not</u> <u>defective</u> and that the application will be transferred to another examiner for the preparation of an Examiner's Answer in view of Examiner Baker's temporary leave of absence.

Respectfully submitted,

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